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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

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-- ABSTRACT --

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-- A tension member comprising a plurality of fiber filaments gathered into a plurality of strands. The filaments run close together, and a protective sheath is provided around the strands. Each strand is coated on the exterior thereof with a strand sheath of a material having a low friction coefficient, permitting the strands to move longitudinally in relation to one another and independently of each other.- —